

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

January 14, 2008

President David Mecklenburg called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Rush Pavilion.

Board members present were Maurice Denney, Victor Klinker, Dave Mecklenburg and Dawn Patterson. Cheryl Knodle, Assistant Attorney, was also in attendance. Staff members present were Ted Bumbleburg, Lindsey House, Clay Finney, John Cornell, Claudine Laufman, and Carol Suter.

Councilmen Bob Downing and Lon Heide were guests at the meeting.

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS:

Superintendent Bumbleburg advised the Board that each year an election of officers takes place in January. It is customary for the President and Vice President to serve a term of two years.

Mr. Klinker made a motion to elect Maurice Denney, Park Board President. Mr. Mecklenburg seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous.

Mr. Klinker made a motion to elect Dawn Patterson, Park Board Vice President. Mr. Mecklenburg seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous.

Mr. Klinker made a motion to appoint Joseph Bumbleburg, Park Board Secretary. Ms. Patterson seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous.

Mr. Klinker made a motion to appoint Cheryl Knodle, Assistant Secretary to the Park Board. Mr. Mecklenburg seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous.

Ms. Patterson made a motion to appoint Carol Suter, Recording Secretary for the Park Board. Mr. Mecklenburg seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous.

Mr. Denney began presiding over the meeting.

Mr. Mecklenburg made a motion to approve the December 17, 2007 minutes as written. Ms. Patterson seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous.

Ms. Patterson made a motion to approve the General Fund Claims and Non-reverting Fund Claims in the amount of \$580,821.70. Mr. Klinker seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Bumbleburg advised the Board that the Lafayette Municipal Golf Course and Shamrock Park and Dog Park experienced significant flooding after recent rains. At this time it is unable to determine the amount of damage sustained at the Lafayette Municipal Golf Course and an evaluation will be made this week when the flood waters recede. The pumps have been activated and are doing their job.

Superintendent Bumbleburg advised the Board that the Assistant Superintendent position has been posted and applications are currently being accepted.

Superintendent Bumbleburg also stated that applications are being accepted for all seasonal positions.

Superintendent Bumbleburg advised the Board that David Farrell, General Maintenance employee is currently serving on active military duty and will be going to Iraq for his second tour of duty.

Superintendent Bumbleburg announced that the Chili Cook-off to benefit the Columbian Park Lagoon project will be held on February 9th at noon in the Jenks' Rest.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Councilman Bob Downing advised the Board that Carol Robbins, one of his constituents had requested that he bring to the Park Board's attention, the fact that at McCaw Park paths are concrete to the concession stand and they are gravel to the bleachers. He stated that Ms. Robbins had difficulty pushing a wheelchair and/or strollers. Councilman Downing requested the Board to check into this matter regarding the Americans with Disability Act and the Park's compliance.

A discussion followed.

Superintendent Bumbleburg advised the Board that he and staff would research the A.D.A. rules to make sure the City of Lafayette, Parks and Recreation Department is in compliance.

There were no written communications.

Claudine Laufman, Columbian Park Zoo Director, advised the Board that the Clarian Family Farm will hopefully have some baby goats available for exhibit this spring. She also advised the Board that the two new eagles are doing quite well and are adapting to their new environment.

Ms. Laufman also advised the Board that the new holding building has been staked and construction should be started soon. Other projects include the final planning for the river

otter and owl exhibits. Exhibits that are anticipated for 2008 opening will be the river otters, owl exhibit, butterfly enclosure, and possibly the giant tortoise exhibit.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Maurice Denney, President

Carol Suter, Recording Secretary